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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Filter assemblies 1 shown in FIGS 1 to 6 additionally perform catalyst functions as well. The catalytically active foils 6, 6a, 6b are associated with the filter pockets formed by filter plate rings 2. The structure and function of these foils are described in greater detail with the help of the individual exemplified embodiments. Foils 6, 6a and 6b each have the shape of a disk-like ring and, are tied in between each two adjacent ~~filter~~ filter plate rings 2 within the area of the inner or outer apexes 3, 4 of the packet of filter plate rings 2. Foils 6 are preferably made of metal foil material and have a catalytically active coating. Foils 6 may be welded in between filter plate rings 6 2. In addition, foils 6 are aligned in a radial manner in relation to the longitudinal center axis "M" and project into the center of the filter pockets disposed on the inside or outside. These filter pockets have a three-cornered cross section. Therefore, foils 6, 6a, 6b are each joined with filter plate rings 2 in a fixed manner, only in zone of respective

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apexes 3, 4. Otherwise foils \neq 6 freely project into the
associated filter pocket.